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SUBJECT: INDONESIAN PRESS REACTION TO MARCH 11 ABORTIVE COUP
IN LISBON

REF: LISBON 1381

1. INDONESIAN PRESS HAS GIVEN EXTENSIVE FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE
OF WIRE SERVICE REPORTS ON ALL ASPECTS OF MARCH 11 ATTEMPTED
COUP IN LISBON INCLUDING REPORTED STATEMENT THAT AMBASSADOR
CARLUCCI DECLARED "PNG". ONLY TWO EDITORIALS ON SUBJECT
HAVE APPEARED THUS FAR.

2. ENGLISH LANGUAGE INDONESIA TIMES, WHICH FOLLOWS GOVERN-
MENT LINE, OBSERVED THAT LEFTIST GROUP IN GOP HAS BECOME
STRONGER AS RESULT OF COUP AND WILL PROBABLY WIN APRIL 12
ELECTIONS. IF THIS HAPPENS, PORTUGAL WILL BE
FIRST EUROPEAN COUNTRY WITH COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT,
AND THIS WILL AFFECT SECURITY OF WESTERN EUROPE AND NATO,
TIMES SAID.

3. MOSLEM PELITA, WHICH ALSO CAREFULLY HEWS
GOI LINE, DESCRIBED EVENTS AS STEP FORWARD
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FOR "LEFTIST REVOLUTION" IN PORTUGAL THAT WILL

INVENTABLY AFFECT NATO, PORTUGAL'S RELATIONS WITH U.S.
AND U.S. MILITARY BASE AGREEMENT. PELITA ADDED THAT
LEFTIST SWING IN LISBON PARALLELS GROWING COMMUNIST
STRENGTH IN PORTUGUESE TIMOR WHICH THREATENS INDONESIA'S
SECURITY. IT NOTED, AS EXAMPLE, REPORT THAT SIX
MEMBERS OF "MOVIMENTO REORGANIZATIVO DO PROLETARIADO
PORTUGUES" WHICH IT DESCRIBED AS "COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION",
HAVE BEEN SENT TO PORTUGUESE TIMOR TO ORGANIZE ANTI-
INDONESIAN ACTIVITIES.

4. COMMENT: THERE WILL PROBABLY BE MORE EDITORIAL
COMMENT CITING ATTEMPTED COUP AS FURTHER EVIDENCE
OF GROWING INFLUENCE OF LEFTIST GROUP IN LISBON AND
ITS ALLEGED SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENT, LEFTIST PORTUGUESE
TIMOR THAT WOULD BE HOSTILE TOWARD INDONESIA.
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